LIGHT ON THE WAR CLOUD.

DR. GOTTHEIL MAKES A PLEA FOR PEACE.

THE QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE.

n the War Cloud." He said in part:

In the Temple Emanu-El yesterday the Rev. Dr.

# DECEMBER 30, 1895.

WAS MRS. KUNNETT SLAIN !

ALBERT A. NELLIS ARRESTED ON THE CORONER'S ORDER.

HER BODY WAS FOUND IN THE AREAWAY OF STILIS'S HOUSE-IT IS SAID THAT SHE HAD ANNOYED HIM GREATLY OF LATE.

bert A. Nellis, a real estate dealer, living at No. 251 West Seventy-sixth-st., on suspicion of having West Forty-ninth-st., who was found dead in the areaway in front of Nellis's house Saturday night. yesterday afternoon, the Coroner fixed ball for

Coroner Hoeber was informed of the case by the colice of the West Sixty-eighth-st. station at 2 orked on it until after daylight. By that time he Nellis's arrest. He learned that Nellis had boarded years, although he denied that he knew the woman hen the body was found. Mrs. Runnett, he also learned, had been annoying Nellis of late, and had ade threats against him. The Coroner also found skull from a blow on the back of the head. There was a scalp wound above the fracture, as if the woman had been struck with some sharp instru-ment, such as the spike of an iron fence, though

the wound to have been caused by a fall against the edge of a stone step, but the surroundings did

The autopsy, which was made by Coroner's Physician Huber, showed that there had been consid emorrhage, but there was little blood where the body was found, and no wound was discovered until a careful examination had been made.

#### A RAZOR AND POISON WITH HER.

A razor was found in the bosom of the woman's dress and some whitish powders in her pocket. The autopsy showed, however, that she had not taken and it would have been easy, the Coroner those things to have been placed there after death to disarm suspicion. The autopsy cted to the use of liquor to a moderate extent. his latter fact the defence is using in arguing that

Mrs. Runnett fell down the stoop accidentally. He has been a cripple for a long time, and What caused the first trouble between When asked about this part Miss Lilly G. Horney, a niece of Mrs. Runnett, who lived at the use, said that that was a matter for Runnett to n and Runnett remains silent.

year and a half ago Nellis married Mrs. S. Blakeley, a wealthy widow and real-estate dealer Broadway and Forty-seventh-st. He went to live with her at his present address. They lived keeping servants and occupying a house Runnett's boarding-house did not prospe

as well as she would have liked, and she began to Nellis to aid her. He made many excuses, but Mrs. Runnett became more persistent, and when she was found dead in front of Nellis's house in the manner described, the police and Coroner at once became suspicious.

When Nellis said that there was no use in his further denial of having known Mrs. Runnett, he said that he had first made the denial to keep a

scandal from leaking out Nellis, who was trken before the Coroner by Detectives Hahn and Armstrong, of the West Sixtyeighth-st. station, yesterday, made the following

"I am fifty-two years old. I have known Mrs Runnett about thirteen years. During this time I have been on friendly terms with her and her Last night I arrived at my house at 6:50 o'clock. I entered the front door, went upstairs and floor and prepared for dinner. wife and I, then went down stairs together into the dining-room and took dinner with Miss Atherton, the governess and my little stepdaughter, and Mrs. Lamar, who boards with us. We sat down to dinner about 7 o'clock and remained there threeto dinner about 7 o'clock and remained there three-quarters of an hour. I then sent Miss Atherton and my stepdaughter to the drug store for some cigars. They returned in five minutes. In the mean time my wife and I went upstairs and read the evening papers. After being joined again by Miss Atherton, the cook called the latter down-stairs. Miss Atherton immediately returned saying there was a drunken man in the doorway. I went down and called to what I thought was the drunken man, asking him what he was doing there. I received no answer and then saw that the object was a woman. I raised the body to a sitting position. The light fell on the face and I discovered that it was Mrs. Runnett. I sent for a policeman, who said the woman was dead. I found a pocketbook and gave it to the policeman without examining it. I did not see any blood.

"I had come out of the house in a thin coat, and, feeling chilly. I went back for a thicker one. When I again returned to the door the body had been taken away."

# HIS LAWYER'S STATEMENT.

J. Aspinwall Hodge, who with John Fannell and Clarence Stewart appeared before the Coroner for

Nellis, said for Nellis:
"Mrs. Runnett had been on friendly terms with Mrs. Nellis, and they had even exchanged Christmas presents this week. Mrs. Runnett had evidently either gone to Mr. Nellis's house on a friendly visit

or to see him about some business matter. She had spoken to him about getting him to rent out her boarding-house for her.

The statement taken from Miss Lilly G. Horney, a niece of Mrs. Runnett, differs from that of the lawyer. She said that Nellis had Mrs. Runnett arrested a month ago for annoying him at his office. This is also corroborated by the police records, Miss Horney said that her aunt left home only about an hour before she was found dead. Her husband asked Miss Horney to follow her and see water she was going, as she seemed to be greatly excited about something. Miss Horney followed her aunt to a downtown Broadway cable-car, which Mrs. Runnett boarded. Miss Horney then returned home.

home.

Mrs. Runnett evidently left the car at once and then went up to the Nellis house.

Acting Captain Friedenberg, of the Sixty-eighth-Acting Captain Friedenberg, of the woman was to police station, says that when the woman was found she was sitting at the bottom of the area steps, her back against the wall and her lower limbs extended straight out from her body.

## CAPTAIN FRIEDENBERG'S THEORY.

"Since last night," said the Captain, "I have learned that for nearly twenty years Nellis and the dead woman had maintained intimate relations. About a year ago Nellis married a Mrs. Blakeley, who is, I believe, the only woman member of the Real Estate Exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Nellis now have a real estate office at Forty-seventh-st, and Broadway. It would appear that after his marriage Broadway. It would appear that after his marriage Mrs. Runnett followed Nellis up pretty closely, much to his annoyance, and, in fact, he caused her arrest last September for raising trouble at his office. Nellis has a police record. His picture was at one Nellis has a police record. His picture was at one Nellis has a police record. His picture was at one of the hard policy her accused or suspected of being a second-story window thief. The picture was subsequently taken out of the gallery by Superintendent Walling. I told Nellis after his arrest that I was acquainted with his record for many years back. He did not deny what had been revealed regarding his past, but said he had been trying for a long time to lead an irreproachable life.

Captain Friedenberg is of the opinion that Mrs. Captain Friedenberg is of the opinion that Mrs. Runnett had gone to Nellis's house to see him, with the purpose of killing him, and possibly herself as the purpose of killing him, and possibly herself as the purpose of killing him, and possibly herself as the purpose of killing him, and possibly herself as the purpose of killing him, and possibly herself as the deliberate purpose.

Captain Friedenberg sent two officers yesterday. "and I believe she had bought it with such deliberate purpose."

Captain Friedenberg sent two officers yesterday to search the Nellis house. Every facility was afforded them by Mrs. Nellis to make a thorough investigation, but they found nothing to enlighten them in the case.

### ST. STEPHEN'S ANNIVERSARY.

St. Stephen's Church, Twenty-eighth-st., near Third-ave, yesterday celebrated the forty-fifth an-niversary of its foundation and the first anniniversary of its foundation and the first anniversary of its consecration. The church was decorated with greens. Bishop John M. Farley, auxiliary to Archbishop Corrigan, celebrated solemn high mass. The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Brann acted as his assistant. The Rev. Thomas F. O'Connor was deacon, the Rev. Joseph P. Donohue sub-deacon, and the Rev. John J. McCabe was master of ceremonics. The Rev. Clarance E. Woodman, C. S. P.

deacon, the Rev. Joseph P. Donohue sub-deacon, and the Rev. John J. McCabe was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Clarence E. Woodman, C. S. P., preached.

There was an elaborate musical programme. Diler's Cornet Band assisted. Beethoven's Mass in ler's Cornet Band assisted beethoven's Mass in ler's Cornet Band assisted. Beethoven's Mass in ler's Cornet Band assisted by Father Workellow. The Hallelujah Chorus' to St. Stephen' and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus' were sung in the morning. There was a solemn were sung in the morning. There was

FIVE YACHTING TROPHIES.

THE JOHN R. DREXEL PRIZES ARE NOW FIN. | CLAUDE FALLS WRIGHT'S LECTURE IN CHICKER-

Tiffany & Co. have just finished the five special \$200 prizes offered by John R. Drexel in connection with the New-York Yacht Club's regatta last The cups have all been specially designed. loving-cups. These, besides the other nautical stract" personage as an influence and its important an etching of the winning yacht. The other prize is a decorative silver punchbowl, the outer surface of which is panelled off by long meshes of seaweed encrusted with shells drooping down from a Upon the panels appears the following in



scription, etched in harmony with the general | one,' no doubt, has a great deal to do; in fact, character of the design:

The bowl is richly gilt inside, has a capacity of twelve pints, and weighs over seventy-six ounces The loving-cups are all thoroughly nautical. There is a good representation of a choppy sea, produced in raised effects and etching, yachts with well-lined sails and other artistic touches that tell how much thought and insenuity have been brought into play to lend some new effect to a subject that artists have treated for several generations. Both dolphins and I urel leaves have been used for handles, with much originality in their treatment. In addition to the name of the donor, John R. Drexel, the entwined letters "N. Y. Y. C." and "Newport, R. L. August 6th, 1895." the following names are inscribed upon the cups:

The cups range in weight from fifty-eight to sixty-four ounces; in height from fine and three-quarters to twelve inches, and in capacity from six to eight pints.

DR. STRYKER'S FAREWELL.

HE REFERS TO THE VENEZUELAN AND ARME-NIAN AFFAIRS.

The Rev. Dr Philip Stryker yesterday closed a pastorate of eighteen years at the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church, Thirty-fourth-st., nean He delivered a sermon morning and evening. Dr. Stryker has accepted a call to Asbury Park Reformed Church, New-Jersey, and will begin his ministry there with the new year The services yesterday partook not only of a pastor's farewell, but of a celebration of Christmas time. The church quartet, augmented by a large sang appropriate music. Dr. Kenneth F. Junior, the retiring pastor's assistant, took part in

gave their annual festival, which was well attended by the parents and friends. On Tuesday evening the congregation will give a farewell reception for

Dr. Stryker selected for his morning text St. Matthew, II, 11: "And when they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his when they had opened sented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense

In a few terse prefatory remarks, Dr. Stryker referred to the Venezuelan and Armenian questions

myrrh.'

as follows:

I believe that a strong desire for peace is the true feeling of the Nation. I believe the suggestion that a court of arbitration composed of three justices of the Supreme Court of each country, to which everything could be referred, is an excellent one. The peoples of the United States and of Great Britain should not talk of war. There is a natural difference of opinion in regard to Venezuela and the boundary question. Pray for peace, look for peace, work for peace.

Our hearts bleed for persecuted Armenia. Every day we open our newspapers we can't help seeing an account of more horrid things in that wretched country. Plead mightily with God that the countries of power may stop the horrors which have disgraced this nineteenth century.

I intend to present two pictures in my discourses to-day which should not be hung in the parlor or spare bedroom, but which I hope you will hang in your heart. These two pictures are the pictures of the wise men in search of Christ and of the shepherds returning to their flocks after having seen the Saviour.

The learned men must have heard the stories prevalent in the minds of the people from the East of the birth of one who was to become a mighty king. They must have been distinguished, for they went to the king, Herod. Two things mark this incident, the homage rendered and the gifts they gave. Our worship should be intelligent, condial and sincere. The Magi very properly conformed with a custom prevaling from the earliest ages, in giving gifts to the young babe. The people not only brough: material substance, but their sins and sorrows, their cares and troubles. God can take your little gift and turn it into a great treasure.

### DR. KANE DENOUNCED.

THE EXPLORER'S ASSOCIATE SPEAKS BITTERLY

OF HIM BEFORE THE ARCTIC CLUB, At the annual dinner of the Arctic Club, held Saturday evening, at No. 36 West Washington Square, there were present some thirty-five men who had taken part in various Arctic exploring expeditions. Among them were members of the Dr. Kane, Greely, Peary, Peary relief and Miranda

parties.

The dinner was chiefly remarkable for the extraordinary speech made by Captain J. W. Wilsen, who was a member of Dr. Kane's expedition in 1853. Captain Wilson's aid in part:

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In the year 1853 Dr. Kane took command of an expedition to search for a party of men who had sailed from England five years before to discover a northwest passage to India. Henry Grinnell was the organizer of the enterprise and much to my surprise, after I had offered to accompany the party, he and Dr. Kane insisted on my assuming the position of sailing master, the officer second in command. When we got to sea I found that Dr. Kane had made a secret agreement to take my position from me and give it to a boatswain named Brooks, a man who could neither read nor write his own name. From that time on Dr. Kane and his own name. From that time on Dr. Kane and hardships more than anybody else. That is the reason why in Dr. Kane's book you read so little of one who, you can readily see, must have shared his dangers and hardships more than anybody else. That is the reason Dr. Kane is so silent concerning a man who stood by him when two-thirds of his crew and officers deserted him, although that man walked the quarter-deck for six months without speaking to him.

Had Dr. Kane lived six months longer he would have occupied a far different and a much less enviable position in the minds of the public than he occupies to-day.

I have in my safe to-day documents which, if published, would send a peal of thunder from one end of this country to the other. I look upon the record of Dr. Kane as a lie.

I have been asked to put these documents into print and it is possible that I may yet do so. But if I do it will only be in self-defence. Surely the living have some rights as well as the dead.

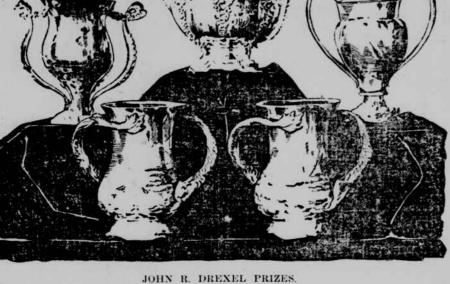
Captain Wilson's address was received with great applause by the members of the club. When seen after the dinner Captain Wilson declined to say what was the nature of the documents referred to, but intimated that he might some day publish them

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THE DEVIL DEFINED.

his subject yesterday "The Devil." Mr. Wright devil, as pictured and believed in by our forecannot be overestimated.

The Theosophical devil, Mr. Wright explained, our grosser selves. Theosophy holds, he said, that and in the mental development of man the 'black



is largely responsible for the ills the flesh is heir

from those who surround us each of which has our mental faculties-though these influences are

#### THE MEIER HAD A ROUGH TRIP.

SHE WAS BOARDED BY HEAVY SEAS AND HER The North German Lloyd steamship H. H. Meier

arrived here early yesterday morning after an un-usually lively and stormy voyage. She left Bremen ow and sleet. The gales increased in violence and

mander of the ship, remained on the bridge. At 2 o'clock on the morning of the 23d a huge wave struck ship on the starboard side, about amidships,

The Meier bore numerous evidences of her rough treatment at the hands of old Neptune, but with the exception of the loss of the lifeboat there was no damage that could not be easily repaired.

THE GEITTLER SUSPECTS DISCHARGED. John Grisler and Jacob Gebhardt, who were remanded in Yorkville Court on Saturday, were yes terday discharged by Magistrate Wentworth, Acting-Captain Steinkamp, of the East Fifty-first-st. station, appeared before the Court, and said that careful investigation into the circumstances of the earth of Matthias Gelttler, who was killed on Fri-ity night in the yard of Neidlinger, Sons & Co.'s althouse, showed nothing to connect the two-len in question with his death. An autopsy-lowed that several of Gelttler's ribs had been roken. As there was no external abrusion, it obted as if the man had fallen or had been run-ter by a wagon, of which there were several leav-ing the yard at the time.

The lecturer said that the atmosphere is per-

HOW HE BELIEVES WAR WILL BE AVERTED, IF

In the course of a sermon at the Marble Collegiate Church yesterday on "The Review of the Year," the Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell said in referring to

the Rev. Dr. David J. Burreli said in referring to the Venezuelan dispute:

We have been disturbed by the rumors of war. And we may congratulate one another that there seems to be a possibility of averting it. Should it be averted, however, it will not be because of any feelings of brotherly love of England for this country. We are not English by nature: our laws are not English; our customs are not that of the English people; our blood is not English: it may be frish, German, or anything, but the smallest strain of blood that flows through the American is English. If the war is averted it will not be through the magnanimity of Great Britain. Such a characteristic has never been shown us by that nation—not certainly at the period of the great Boston Tea Farty, the War of isi2, nor during the Civil War of '69-65; not during the settlement of the Alaskan boundaries, the Behring seal fisheries, It was never heard of when that great nation forced opium into China with arms, nor in the Sepoy war in India. In fact, England's magnanimity has never been experienced by any nation or people on the face of the earth. If the war is averted it will not be because America has surrendered one solitary principle. The Monroe Doctrine is a plyotal truth upon which depends much of the future welfare of this great people and nation, as well as its future prosperity.

There are two things, however, that will prevent

### SETTLE IT WITHOUT WAR.

The Rev. Thomas Dixon, jr., discussed the Ven-ezuelan controversy in his prolude yesterday in the

Academy of Music. "What will war with England mean?" asked Mr. Dixon. "War with England means the foulest, blackest blot upon the record of statesmanship since Jesus Christ was crucified. A foul blot upon Christianity, because the two nations that stand mortal combat without attempting to settle the controvers; without an appeal to arms. If we are to engage in mortal combat does it not show that the world can get along without atatesmen? The savages did not need statesmen. They appealed



FOND WIFE-OH, GEORGE, I DO HOPE YOU HAVEN'T DAMAGED THE MACHINE :- (St. Paul's

vain?
"Our religion, our Christianity, claims to carry
glad promise of peace on earth and goodwill toward
man. We believe in the blessed peace of Jesus
Christ. With the thought of this before us, with
the love of God in our hearts we must not appeal to
arms. Let wise statesmen settle the trouble without war, and let the two great Christian nations
speaking the English tongue be at peace."

CHANGES IN THE CAPITOL.

ALTERATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LAWMAKERS AT ALBANY.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER-PROVISIONS FOR REPORTERS-BETTER ELE-VATOR SERVICE-THE CAPITOL ROOF.

on the War Cloud." He said in part:

Hiss the war cloud passed away to return no more, or has it only been blown aside by the breath of the people's outery? No one can tell. It is easy enough to say "Absurd!" "Preposterous!" in these days of high-wrought civilization, of intelligence and humanity and education, to awaken the roar of the cannon that it may decide on which side is right and on which side is wrong; and this between two nations who really have so much in common, and who have no cause for quarrel between them. And for what? For maintaining a principle, a political principle, doubtful as to its authority and questionable as to its wisdom. Why, it is unthinkable. Well, I have heard people say so more than once in my life, and seen the unthinkable happen. That the American flag should have been fired on was unthinkable, even the very day octore it happened, and more so even that it should open the war dance that was to last for full four years. Who would have thought that when the Prench Ambassador in 1870 addressed the then King of Prussia on the promenade at Ems that the conversation would only be concluded with the surrender of Paris to the German armies? So let us not take the flattering unction to our souls that it was but a short war scare and nothing more we have passed through.

The fatal word has been spoken. As in certain galleties a whisper at the one end grows into a Albany, Dec. 29 (Special).-Returning members of former Legislatures will be astonished at the changes which have been wrought in their lawmaking workshops. With a generosity born of self-in terest the last Legislature appropriated \$32,000 of available funds for alterations in the Senate Chamber and the Assembly Chamber made necessary by

ticeable than those in the Assembly Chamber. Alceived room since the stone ceiling proved unstabie have been detrimental to its beauty, but this Assemblymen who draw these seats will experience Dr. Gottheil then described the horrors of war, removed from the Speaker's desk. The old rail has and said that it was murder, damned on the first page of the Holy Book. He said that Christianity, been replaced by one of polished brass, which runs as well as all other religions, has failed to redeem the world from the curse of war, and that the formerly allotted to visitors, and the curious mus Cross, as well as the Commandments, has failed to make the people understand "Thou shalt not com-mit murder." "Civilized warfare," said Dr. Gottheil, "as well the mahogany partitions. The taking away of these as Christian warfare, does not exist. The very term civilization and warfare and Christianity and objectionable barriers has greatly improved the general appearance of the room. Elegantly carved sand-stone pillars have replaced the iron girders. The reached the stage where religion can step in between the combatants and keep them from the murder of each other.

"I hold that no Government has the right to raise a threat without consulting the people. I respect Mr. Cleveland, and although not of his party, I have always supported him, but I maintain that no nation has the right to issue a challenge without the concent of those who must carry it out. We see we have all the dangers about us which we thought we had avoided. The military spirit is with us, as among other nations.

"I have sometimes a blessed vision of a time when the civilized people of the world will be ashamed to fly to arms. A people with churches, universities, art, music and Divine treasures; we who love our children and try to educate them, we, a nation like this, to dream of resorting to destructive arms!

"The Anglo-Saxon race, which has done more for freedom and the securing the rights of humanity than all the others, we should consummate the great service we have done to the world by signing a covenant that these two great nations, at least, shall never more resort to the sword. Let the rest do as they please, these two nations at least, in the words of Schiller, should go 'arm in arm with thee I challenge my century. Thus could these two nations hold the peace of the world."

The Assembly Chamber has been newly carpeted The color of the carpet does not harmonize with the furnishings of the room, presenting a disagree able contrast to the mahogany desks and their new orked over in the reconstruction of the Speaker's Additional room has been found for the two new

refurnished. The Speaker is so anxious to reach as formerly, that he told Mr. Easton he would go through four feet of wall to do it. This has been made practical by a doorway through four feet of masonry, and the wielder of the gavei may now reach the seclusion of his room directly from the elevator.

color. Here, also, has the mahogany rail been ban-ished, and the eighteen new seats for the eighteen new Senators have been put in. The Lleutenant-Governor will not be so much above the Senators' eyes this year as in the past. He has been "called down" by the workmen, who have lowered his desk

eyes this year as in the past. He has been "called down" by the workmen, who have lowered his desk considerably.

The new carpet of the Chamber is a dark blue, figured with yellow sprays of laurel held by a knot. The main entrance to the Senate Chamber is through the central deer leading from the corridor. A brass rail extends lato the corridor. A handsome carpet, in color a warm red, covers the corridor. In the furnishings of this no pains have been spared looking to the convenience of its occupants. Large lounges placed against the walls will furnish comfortable retreats from the tiresomeness of a long-winded orator. The corridor will be well lighted by six chandeliers, of fifty lights each. Mahogany tables supplied with writing materials and newspaper racks containing files of the leading papers complete the innovations of the corridor. Eighteen new lookers have been added to the Senate cloakroom. The toilet rooms have been thoroughly remodelled. The sanitation is of the latest and best style.

Attention has also been given to the elevators. The cars in which the Assemblymen will slide heavenward—a limited distance—are of an antique design, but in construction they are entirely up to date. The oak cars of the Senate elevators have been renovated and brightened up. Indicators are now found on the various elevators, consisting of an arrow which moves with the car. By its movement the would-be passenger can locate the elevator and determine the car to be rung for. This much-needed contrivance has been absent from all the Capitol elevators in the past. Throughout the building the lever system of clevator operation has succeeded the old-fashloned cable. Elevator rules which do away with freight in passenger cars have been made possible by the setting apart of two elevators as distinctively freight elevators. Much inconvenience and overcrowding is in this way done away with.

### THE WATER SUPPLY.

The new system of elevator propulsion called for extensive alterations in the water supply. Eighteen-ineh pipes have been substituted for the smaller ones, and tanks varying in capacity from 10,000 to 18,000 gallons have been erected in the cellar and attic. These are to be used exclusively for the eleva

Capitol for the benefit of the Legislature is that the space within which the Senators and Assemblymen can stroll without being buttonholed by lobby

the space within which the Senators and Assemblymen can stroll without being buttonholed by lobbylists has been largely increased. The Senators have seized upon the entire corridor outside their room, and have shut it off from strollers through the Capitol, and the Assemblymen have likewise taken possession of the lobby outside of their room. The average Senator and Assemblyman can thus have a more comfortable existence than was possible before, while the Legislature is in session. Moreover, if they please, they can smoke, large rooms for that purpose having been added.

Superintendent Easton stated to-day that lack of funds prevented necessary work on the roof of the Capitol. The outlets to the roof drains are not equal to the demands made upon them by the nine acres of roof which discharges its waters into them, and in the case of severe showers trouble has arisen from the backing up of the water. This will be remedled as soon as funds are provided.

Some work has been done on the second floor, notably in the quarters of the Secretary of State. The rooms of this suite have a much brighter appearance owing to the skilful application of light paint. The walls of the main room are tinted in harmony with the delicate brown of the ceiling, and the beauty of the room has been reconstructed and will in the future be devoted to the Assemblymen. It has been furnished with lockers, in which the members of the Assembly will be expected to keep their documents and books. The room is conveniently located, and will do away with much unnecessary carrying of heavy books to the third floor. Nearly all the alterations made have been confined to the requirements of the enlarged Legislature, and have been designed to increase the comforts and convenience of its memoers.

#### POSTOFFICE CHANGES. By reason of the discontinuance on Wednesday of

the postoffices at Williamsbridge, West Chester. City Island, Bartow-on-the-Sound, Bay Chester and Wakefield (all formerly in Westchester County) and their consolidation with the New-York Postoffice, it will be necessar for publishers of all second-class publications (experiments) to prepay postage by publications (exp pt weeklies) to prepay postage by stamps on copies sent to subscribers living at those places, at the rate of one cent each on newspapers and on periodicals not over two ounces in weight, and two cents each on periodicals exceeding, that weight.

Another effect of the change will be that the local rate of letter postage at the places named will on and after the above date be increased from one to two cents an ounce, the rate provided by law at all offices having letter-carrier delivery.

BROWN'S DESPERATE PLAN.

LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS STEALING

MARYLAND OFFICES.

THE PROJECT OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR DENOUNCED BY SENATOR GORMAN-CON-

TESTS FOR LEGISLATIVE HONORS.

Baltimore, Dec. 29 (Special).-The Maryland Legis lature will meet in biennial session at Annapolis on New Year's Day. Governor-elect Lowndes will be inaugurated on Wednesday, January & The event will be made the occasion of a great Repubvisitors in the little capital city have already been secured. Every Republican club in the State will turn out its full numbers. A number of steam-boats have been chartered to take the enthusiastic Republican crowds from this city and points on the eastern and western shores of the Chesapeake to Annapolis. Special trains will carry hundreds more from the southern part of the State. Governor Brown has tried to frighten the Repub-

licans by intimating that he may make a number office some of his old political friends before the Mansion. Governor Brown says he could secure the co-operation of the Democratic majority in State Senate, but this is doubtful. While he has the legal right to exercise the appointing power until his successor is inaugurated, no other re tiring Governor has ever thus encroached upon the privileges of the incoming Executive. Senator Gornan has come out strongly against the Governor' all precedent and injure the Democratic party in the State. The Republicans and their allies, says the Senator, carried the State last November in a fair, square contest, and they are entitled to all Governor-elect Lowndes and Congressman Wel-

threats. At first they and other prominent Ressued a statement that he was in earnest. Both any attempt on the part of the Governor to continue in office men identified with the Democratic machine would be resented by the whole people of the State, and they do not believe that the Democratic Senate would confirm the reappointments or in any way help him in carrying out such a base present officeholders during the first week in January cannot be disputed, Governor Lowndes can in turn exercise his right to remove them, and the Republican leaders say he would have good and sufficient cause for so doing in the case of every appointment. It is generally believed, how

ern counties. The Westcott men are confident, and say their candidate can command the most votes from the members outside of the Eastern Shore delegation. Among the other Eastern Shore candidates are George M. Russum, of Caroline County; A. T. Barnes, of Worcester; Colonel James C. Mullikin, of Easton, and Phillips Goldsborough.

## A KENTUCKY TAMSEN.

CRITICISM OF THE WAY HE CONDUCTS HIS LIB. ERTY HALL-ESCAPE OF MURDERERS

ON CHRISTMAS.

Louisville, Dec. 29 (Special).-This city has the Tamsen, although he is not the sheriff here, but merely the county jailer. His name is "Dick" Watts, and he has long been known to a large part of Louis-ville's population. The whirligig of politics finally brought him one of the richest prizes of the municipality-keeper of the county jail. Since he has been in office he has been noted more for his kindness toward his charges than for his vigilance in keeping them behind the bars. The escape on Christmas Day of seven prisoners, three of them murder-ers, was his crowning misfortune, but it was pre-ceded by a number of instances of bad judgment

which kept him continually in hot water.
"Dick" Watts, as everybody calls him, is particular larly aggrieved because the seven prisoners left his hospitable establishment only a few hours after they had enjoyed his bounteous Christmas dinner. One of them had obtained a big carpenter's bit and one of them had obtained a big carpenter's bit and cut a circle of holes in the steel ceiling of his ceil. This round pane of steel was removed, and admis-sion gained to the garret of the jail. A hole was quickly made in the wall, and through this a rope of blankets was lowered. The rest of the affair needs to describing.

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Many stories are told of this Gilbertian jailer. His appointees have also his keen relish of a joke. Some of them were found to have taken a lot of stamps from old documents in the county courthouse, which they sold to dealers and collectors. They didn't think the stamps were of any further use to the county, although their value has been estimated at \$25,000.

Goodness of heart and confidence in human natures were never better exemplified than in "Dick" Watts. Some time ago a negro woman accused of grand larceny took it into her head to leave the jail. She walked out just as she would have left her own house, no one even asking her where she was going. "Dick's" feelings were terribly hurt, and he sent another prisoner to find her. This one was serving a term of eleven months for malicious cutting. He returned in due season, but unkind critics said that the jailer had been indiscreet. Similar comment was made of the liberty he allowed to Mme. Jabiri, a clairvoyant, whose youth and attractiveness made it impossible for him to be harsh with her. She was allowed to go out to her meals and to call on friends, as well as to receive visits from many persons in the jail parlors. She was a Federal prisoner, and Judge Barr, of the United States Circuit Court, was so displeased with the jailer's goodness of heart that he fined him for contempt of court.

Darnley Beaufort, a foreigner, against whom various Grand Juries had found indictments, happened to be sojourning in Caste Watts. He had taken out his first naturalization papers in New-York, and felt an uncontrollable desire to become a full-fiedged citizen. The jailer thought this a worthy ambition, and allowed him to go to court under escort. Beaufort was duly naturalized, and the United States has gained a citizen who is far from being a credit to it. Watts also allowed a murderer to leave the jail,

ers and four burgiars who forsook him on Christ-mas Day.

One of the best stories about the failer is in re-lation to a negro. Watts became suspicious that he had under his care some persons who were not entitled to be guests of the county. Seeing a col-ored man in a corridor, he asked him his name. The prisoner gave a fletitious one. The failer went to his records, could find no such name and tri-umphantly turned the man out into the cold world.

### PRINCETON ALUMNI DINNER.

The annual Princeton alumni dinner will take place on Thursday evening, January 16, at 7 o'clock, at the Hotel Brunswick, Fifth-ave, and Twentyseventh-st. All who have received degrees from or who have been students at Princeton, whether mem-bers of the club or not, are invited to be present, Tickets may be obtained from the treasurer, C. Led-yard Blair, No. 32 Wall-st; the secretary, G. W. Burleigh, No. 52 Wall-st; at the office of the Hotel Brunswick, and from any member of the Executive Committee.